

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the third full paragraph on page 8 as follows:

~~The present invention provides a method and an apparatus that grant A~~
method of granting access to a bus to one of ~~a plurality of two or more~~ requesting communication circuits that each submitted a bus control request during a request period of an arbitration period is disclosed. The method includes ~~the step of~~ determining a stored identity associated with the arbitration period, and determining whether any requesting communication circuit has an identity that matches the stored identity. The stored identity identifies a communication circuit.

Please amend the last paragraph of page 8 (which continues over to page 9) as follows:

~~The present invention also includes a~~ A communication circuit is disclosed in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention. The communication circuit ~~that~~ includes a transmit circuit ~~that transmits~~ to transmit information onto a cell bus, and a receive circuit ~~that receives~~ to receive information from the cell bus. The communication circuit also includes a memory ~~that stores~~ priority to store grant information regarding a plurality of arbitration periods. The ~~priority grant~~ priority grant information for each arbitration period includes a stored identity that identifies a communication circuit.

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 9 as follows:

The communication circuit additionally includes a logic circuit that is connected to the transmit circuit, the receive circuit, and the memory, ~~and determines .~~ The logic circuit to determine whether any communication circuits requested control of a bus during an arbitration period. The logic circuit ~~reads to~~ determine a stored identity associated with the arbitration period, and ~~determines~~ whether any requesting communication circuit has an identity that matches the stored identity. ~~The stored identity identifies a communication circuit.~~